

# **U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

## **MARKUP**

**The Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Storage Research, Development,  
and Demonstration Act (H.R. 1933)**

**The Solar Energy Research and Advancement Act (H.R. 2774)**

**The Biofuels Research and Development Enhancement Act (H.R. 2773)**

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### **Statement of Subcommittee on Energy & Environment Ranking Member Bob Inglis (SC-4)**

Thank you for holding this markup, Mr. Chairman.

The bills we're marking up today are reflections of the commitment we have made to move away from our dependence on foreign oil, and toward solutions that make both economic and environmental sense.

Renewable energy sources give us the opportunity to end our dependence on fossil fuels like oil and coal. In the meantime we'll use lots of coal. That's why we must work to make sure that our coal consumption is as emission-free and energy efficient as possible, bringing benefits to both industry and the environment.

Carbon capture and storage technologies hold significant promise for reducing carbon emissions. H.R. 1933, the Department of Energy Carbon Capture and Storage Research, Development, and Demonstration Act will fund demonstration projects that integrate these technologies. The aim is that the research and experience gained from these projects will help bring down the cost of implementing carbon-reducing technologies in the private sector.

As I mentioned earlier, the ultimate goal is energy sources that are renewable and emission-free. H.R. 2774, the Solar Research and Advancement Act, and H.R. 2773, the Biofuels Research and Development Act are two steps in that direction. Biofuels and solar energy should be sources of energy for us, and I'm looking forward to promoting research programs that will make these alternatives commercially viable .

Thank you again, Mr. Chairman, and I look forward to working with you to advance this legislation.